

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract as follows. A clean version of the amended abstract is provided at page 23.

--An original information sequence is encoded  $[(E1)]$  by means of an error correcting code. There ~~there~~ is associated  $[(E2)]$  with the encoded sequence K frequency symbols in a space consisting of a series of  $2^p$  increasing frequencies, each of the K symbols representing N encoded symbols, with p, K and N being strictly positive integers. There ~~there~~ is applied  $[(E3)]$  to the K symbols a reversible transformation including a multiplication by an invertible matrix of size  $N \times N$ ,  $[[;]]$  and signals obtained from the inverse transform signals are sent  $[(E4)]$ . There exists a K-tuplet of positive integers  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$  at least one of which is strictly positive, such that, for an integer I varying from 1 to K, after periodic extraction of one frequency out of  $2^{n_i}$  ~~amongst~~ among the frequencies of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  of the K symbols, thus forming a reduced frequency symbol of  $2^{p-n_i}$  frequencies, K reduced frequency symbols are obtained, representing the original information sequence, with a view to complete or partial decoding. ~~Figure 11:--~~